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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT FORMATION NO 4. KARL SKYTTE

NAMED FORMATEUR

REF: COPENHAGEN 0263

1. ON JAN 29 THE QUEEN APPOINTED KARL SKYTTE PRESIDENT  
OF THE FOLKETING (PARLIAMENT) AS FORMATEUR TO  
EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A NEW GOVERNMENT. SKYTTE  
PROMPTLY DISCLAIMED ANY PERSONAL INTEREST IN BEING PRIME  
MINISTER AND DECLARED HIS OBJECTIVE TO BE A "BROAD,  
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MAJORITY GOVERNMENT."

2. AFTER INITIAL CONTACTS WITH PARTY LEADERS, SKYTTE ANNOUNCED THAT SEVEN PARTIES WERE WILLING TO CONTINUE FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING FORWARD SUCH A MAJORITY GOVERNMENT. THIS INCLUDED ALL PARTIES BUT THE THREE ON THE FAR LEFT, THE COMMUNISTS, LEFT SOCIALIST AND SOCIALIST PEOPLES PARTY, WHICH COULD NOT ACCEPT SKYTTE BASIC PRE-CONDITION THAT THE PROSPECTIVE GOVERNMENT PARTIES SUPPORT EC AND NATO MEMBERSHIP FOR DENMARK, ONE OF THE SEVEN THE CENTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY WAS REPORTEDLY WILLING TO NEGOTIATE FURTHER BUT NOT TO PARTICPATE IN ANY SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENT.

3. THE NEXT STEP IN THIS ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WILLBE TO INDUCE MOGENS GLISTRUPS PROGRESS PARTY TO WITHDRAW, SINCE FEW OF THE OTHER PARTIES ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER PARTICPATION IN A COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH HIS PARTY. THEREAFTER THE BLANACE OF POWER AMONG THE REMAINING SIX PARTIES WILL SLIGHTLY FAVOR THE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT-RADICAL GROUPOIHG (67 SEATS, INCLUDING THE ONE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT FROM THE FAEROES) AS AGAINST THE LIBERAL GROUPING (61 SEATS) EVEN IF THE CENTER DEMOCRATS WERE TO ADD THEIR FOUR SEATS TO THE LATTER IT WOULD STILL BE THE SMALLER GROUP.

4. BASED ON THESE CALCULATIONS SKYTTE IS EXPECTED TO EXPLORE AS A FIRST POSSIBILITY SOME FORM OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC-RADICAL GOVERNMENT HIS TASK WILL BE TO CONVINCE ANOTHER PARTY OR TWO FROM THE LIBERAL GROUP TO JOINT OR SUPPORT SUCH A GOVERNMENT. THE DANISH TRADE UNION FEDERATION(LO) IS STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF A GOVERNMENT "ACROSS THE MIDDLE" AND BELIEVES THAT THE COALITION SHOULD INCLUDE AT LEAST "THREE PARTIES, THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLES PARTY BEING THE OBVIOUS PROSPECTIVE THIRD PARTY. THE LO IS REPORTEDLY WORRIED THA ANKER JORGENSEN WOULD PEFER A SINGLE PARTY SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY.

5. SKYTTE EXPECTS TO REPORT TO THE QUEEN ON THE RESULTS OF HIS INITIAL EFFORT ON MONDAY AFTERNOON FEB 3.

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